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**ATTORNEY GENERAL MUKASEY RECOGNIZES ASSISTANT UNITED STATES
ATTORNEY DANIEL SANDERS AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

On December 5th, the Department of Justice held its 25th annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) Director's Awards Ceremony, during which 160 award recipients were recognized for their excellence in law enforcement. Recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, law enforcement agents, litigation and information technology support personnel, and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state and local law enforcement.

Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Sanders from the Eastern District of Wisconsin was recognized for the investigation and prosecution of multiple violent drug trafficking gangs over the last six years. During that time period, AUSA Sanders indicted 265 defendants in 56 separate cases, and prevailed in every case which he took to trial. From 2004 through 2006, he also served as the Narcotics Chief and Lead Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Attorney. The vast majority of AUSA Sanders' cases involved complex investigations using wiretaps and targeted the most violent and prolific drug trafficking organizations in the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

"The attorneys, agents and staff we honor today are dedicated public servants," said Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey. "Today's award recipients are leaders in carrying out the Department's mission, and the citizens in the communities they serve should be proud of their efforts and accomplishments."

While terrorism remains the top priority of the Department of Justice, the Department has continued its mission to enforce all of our nation's laws, including prosecuting civil rights violations, gang violence, and drug crimes, as well as representing our client agencies, conducting civil enforcement, and assisting victims of crime.

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic stated "we're all proud of Dan and the outstanding job he has done. His efforts have contributed significantly to reducing the level of drug trafficking and violence in the community".

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